

PREFATORY NOTE

The purpose of this bulletin is to give material not only for Washington Day Program, but for teaching the spirit of America in the public schools of the State. It begins with the birth of freedom and the spirit of Washington, and the children should be led from this point to see that the spirit of Washington still lives and that wherever freedom reigns and right and justice prevail, the true spirit of America is at work in the world.

What was the spirit of Washington in the first days of our freedom? What has been the true spirit of America these hundred years? How was that spirit kept alive during the dark days through which the world has just passed? Is President Wilson's ideal to make the world safe for democracy an enlargment of Washington's ideal to make America safe for freedom?

Such questions as these should guide the teacher in making the program for Washington's Birthday, but the use of this material should not be confined to Washington's Birthday. The one purpose of the school should be to teach patriotism every day in the year—at the opening exercises, in connection with history or literature, in talks on thrift or public service, and in the celebration of other holidays. The purpose of this Department, therefore, in preparing this bulletin is to give the teachers material assistance and some suggestions that may aid them in teaching patriotism, and it is suggested that this bulletin be preserved in school for these purposes.

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